

Remarks

Reconsideration of Donckels Declaration in light of Boon

Applicants respectively request that the Examiner reconsider the interpretation of the Donckels Declaration and prior art Boon in the outstanding office action. It is stated therein that the experiments described in the Donckels Declaration do not compare the inventive cord constructino to the closest prior art, i.e., to Boon. The Examiner distinguishes the adhesive activated yarns of control 2 of the Donckels Declaration from the data of Boon, maintaining that Boon utilizes uncured or unset polyepoxide. Applicants urge that this is not the case.

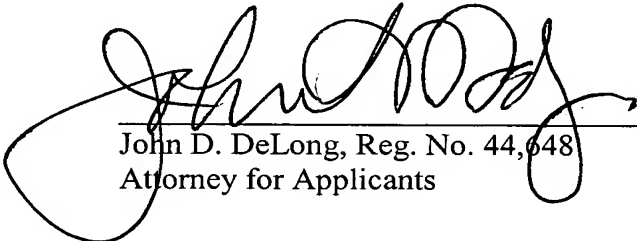
With reference now to Boon, at column 3 lines 30 through 40, it is disclosed that an epoxy is combined with 2-(β -dimethylamino ethoxy)-4-trimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborinane; it is exemplified at column 4, lines 17 through 36 that an epoxy is combined with a "catalyst", i.e., the 1,3,2-dioxaborinane. It is to be understood that the 1,3,2-dioxaborinane, a boric acid ester, is a recognized curing agent for epoxy resins, as disclosed in U.S. 4,495,126 (of record in the IDS mailed June 27, 2003) at column 3, lines 54 through 60 and column 4, lines 11 through 16. Evidence of the structure of 1,3,2-dioxaborianes as boric acid esters may be found in U.S. 4,608,440.

It is clear that Boon includes a precured or set adhesive through use of the boric acid ester cured-epoxy, contrary to the distinction made by the Examiner. Applicants therefore earnestly request reconsideration of the Donckels Declaration and urge that the data therein provide a conclusive showing of unexpected results sufficient to overcome any alleged obviousness of the claims.

Conclusion

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant urge that the claims are patentable over the cited art. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a notice of allowance for all claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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